THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (Mr. M. G. Mehkri).—

A.—(*a*) and (*b*) Representations are being made in this matter for a long time past. Information regarding the exact period or number of petitions is not readily available.

(*c*) This subject was discussed in the District Conference held in 1938, 1940 and 1941. The District Board, Shimoga, resolved at their meeting held on 23rd May 1940 that the Board are not able to finance the scheme and that Government may meet the full cost of the bridge.

(*d*) and (*e*) No regular survey is made. Rough estimates are prepared. A bridge with a roadway of 12 feet costs about Rs. 12·5 lakhs. With a 20-feet road width it is expected to cost nearly Rs. 2½ lakhs.

(*f*) The question is under coasideration.

(*g*) When funds are available.

MR. D. V. HALAPPA (Kadur—Rural).—

Q.—122. Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the works first approved and included in the five-year programme of roads and bridges of the Kadur District Board and undertaken by Government with the estimated cost in each case ;

(*b*) (i) the road works subsequently included in the programme with the estimated costs in each case ;

(ii) when such changes in the programme were made and the reasons therefor ;

(iii) whether there were any representations regarding the necessity for such works ;

(*c*) the road works that were carried out by the agency of the Public Works Department and by the Board itself and the outlay in each cases ;

(*d*) the amount of tools and plant charges paid by the Board to the Public Works Department every year on the works referred to in (*a*) and (*c*) ?

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (Mr. M. G. Mehkri).—

A.—(*a*) The five-year Railway Cess Fund programme approved in 1935 provided for the following works :—

	Rs.
Opening out new roads	1,40,000
Special repairs of roads	40,000
4 Enhanced grants for repairs to roads ...	40,000
Contribution towards construction of bridges and tunnels.	1,62,000
Total ...	3,56,000

Details of works are given in annexure (Statements 1 to 3).

(*b*) (i) (1) Deviating Tarikere-Hosadurga road from 3/12 to 7/12 beyond the Railway crossing at Ajjampur. Estimate Rs. 5,000.

(2) Pura-Antharpgacte road. Estimate Rs 5,000.

(ii) In 1938 while revising the programme. Owing to their importance, urgency and utility.

(iii) Yes.

(*c*) The works mentioned in the programme were carried out by the Public Works Department agency alone. Outlay to end of 1939-40 on epening new roads—Rs. 38 222, and on special repairs to existing roads—Rs. 69,312.

(*d*) At 15½ per cent on the total outlay.

		Rs.
1935-36 to 1937-38	...	19,434
1938-39	...	13,307
1939-40	...	6,936

PATEL MAHADEVAPPA (Malavalli—Rural).—

Q.—123. Will the Government be pleased to State:—

(*a*) whether it has come to their notice that no action has been taken on the proceedings sent by the village panchayets of Malavalli taluk praying for certain facilities relating to village improvements out of the panchayet collections and Government grants and no endorsements have been given to them regarding their disposal;

(*b*) out of these works proposed to be taken up, how many have been executed and how many are pending;

(*c*) the reason for not issuing any endorsement regarding the sanction or otherwise of the above proposals;

(*d*) how many proceedings from the village panchayets have been received for the past six years;

(*e*) out of these, how many works have been sanctioned and how many are pending?

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, LAW DEPARTMENT (Mr. H. V. Narayana Rao).—

A.—(*a*) Action is being taken. (Vide *infra*).

(*b*) During the period 1935-36 to 1940-41.

430 works were proposed and of these,
414 were sanctioned and
16 rejected on account of paucity of funds at the credit of the village panchayets.
342 have been completed and
72 are under execution.

(*c*) Endorsements are not necessary as sanctioned works are taken up and the village panchayets kept informed of the same.

(*d*) 1,747 *proceedings* (containing 430 *resolutions* pertaining to village improvement works).

(*e*) Of the 430 resolutions received,
414 have been sanctioned and
16 rejected.

MR. N. K. PUTTE GOWDA (Manjarabad—Rural).—

Q.—126. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the number of students, studying in the Government Middle School, Belur, for the past five years belonging to—

(i) Backward classes, and

(ii) Depressed classes (yearwar number to be given);

(*b*) the percentage of the strength of these boys to the total strength of boys in the school;

(*c*) the number of backward scholarships granted to the boys of various classes of that school for the past five years;

(*d*) in what year scholarship was not given and for what reason?